

**Sept. 6, 2011 – 10:00 A.M. – DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING – Newton Co. Courthouse**

The Newton County Drainage Board met on September 6, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. in the Newton County Courthouse with the following persons present: Board Members Russell Collins, James Pistello and Tim Drenth; County Engineer Larry Holderly; Drainage Board Attorney Dan Blaney; LeAnn Sale; Surveyor Chris Knochel; Secretary Debra Honn. Also present were Chip O'Leary of The Nature Conservancy and Joe Miller of Banning Engineering. The meeting was opened by Russ.

**Minutes –August 1, 2011** – Signed

**Minutes –August 15, 2011** – Jim made a motion to approve the minutes with a second motion from Tim. Motion carried.

**The Nature Conservancy** – Joe Miller & Chip O'Leary were on hand to discuss the Wetland Project located 1 ½ miles West of US 41 and between 300N and 400N. After a lengthy discussion about the plan, permitting and initiation of work, Jim made a motion to approve the drainage plan for the wetlands as long as it does not encroach on neighbors' property and a resolution is signed. Tim made a second motion. Motion carried.

**Bids – Denham Lateral III – B Seeding** – Chris' estimate was in the amount of \$3985. Jim made a motion to accept the only bid received which was from **Kent Ames** in the amount of **\$2800** as long as it meets the specifications. Tim made a second motion. Motion carried. **Oakwood Acres Lateral** – Bids were received from the following: Ronnie Madison Excavating - \$27,960; **Grube Construction - \$15,200**; Tony Garriott - \$112,410. Chris' estimate was in the amount of \$34,980. Tim made a motion to award the project to Grube as long as it meets specifications. Jim made a second motion and motion carried. **Site Specific Emergency Unit Price-Hourly Rate - Estimates** were received from: **Tony Garriott, Josh DeYoung, Ronnie Madison and Matt DeYoung Drainage & Excavating**. Jim made a motion to accept all estimates and for Chris to review them and decide upon two of them for emergency work. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Signing of Contracts** – Contracts were signed for the following: **Goodland Lateral Extension PH II (Tony Garriott \$9,465.00)** and **Monjon Tile Reroute (DeYoung Drainage & Excavating LLC \$12,364.10)**.

**Hibler Extension Surveyors Report** – Chris submitted his report for the extension of the Hibler Open Main. He stated that the two affected landowners were notified of the meeting today and neither was present. The board decided to have a date scheduled for the Hibler Extension Hearing and to notify the two landowners as well as the public. This hearing can be held in conjunction with a regular Drainage Board Meeting.

**Obstruction – Birch Tree Estates (Denham Subdivision Lateral – Gary Coleman)** – Dan Blaney stated that according to state statute Chris has the authority to declare an obstruction and to remove it if necessary. Dan mentioned that he had in fact contacted Joe Morrison again to notify him that Mr. Coleman had signed a petition in 2008 to establish the Denham Subdivision as a new regulated/legal drain. After a lengthy discussion Tim suggested that Dan make an offer of \$10,000 for Mr. Coleman to be allowed to keep the trailer but to move it out so that it would no longer be an obstruction. Dan will go back to Joe Morrison with the offer of \$10,000.

**Maintenance Funds - Cost Accounting Program** – Chris informed the board that he is currently working on a program to define the work of the County Surveyor. This project could assign time to the ditches that are being worked on and track the hours the surveyor spends on each ditch.

**Mosquito Creek** – Chris told the board that over 75% of viable landowners have signed the petition for regulating the Mosquito Creek for maintenance.

**Estimates** – Chris reported that he had asked for estimates on three jobs that he felt would be over the \$1500 limit and closer to \$5000 - \$6000. The following estimates were received: **DeYoung Drainage & Excavating – Goodland Structure (Moran Tile) - \$1500; Ronnie Madison Excavating – Camblin Tile - \$2672; Tony Garriott – Goodland Lateral Seeding - \$4580**. The board decided to accept the DeYoung & Madison estimates but to ask for bids on the Goodland Lateral Seeding Project as it exceeding Chris' estimate.

**Sumava Resorts** – There was some discussion regarding the breaking of concrete in the Sumava Resorts per the request of Jodi Melton of KRBC. According to Jim, this would destroy what has already been done. Dan is to contact Christopher Burke Engineering who was involved in the beginning of this project to see if they have any suggestions.

There being no other business, Jim made a motion to adjourn with a second from Tim. Motion Carried. (Refer to audio tape for more details)